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## "JUDGMENTS OF GOD."

The idea of special judgments is, as Bishop Restarick pointed out in his admirable sermon, essentially pagan. In the dark ages men were prone to regard nature's handiwork, especially the phenomena of force, with superstition, a fact which gave wily priests their opportunity. Let there be a volcanic outbreak and the people, in their terror, and the priests, in their cunning, saw God's angry presence in the smoke and flame. Some there were who claimed for a great general the credit for nature's destruction of their foes, as when one leader, with the blowing of a ram's horn, got the honors, which were due to an earthquake, of the fall of Jericho. Modern learning has done away with much of this crude superstition, but not all. Despite the reason and experience of man, which teaches him that ruin, like rain, falls alike on the just and unjust, a time of calamity always brings out the pious croakers who talk of "judgments against the wicked," forgetting that, in such a disaster as the one of San Francisco, misfortune falls with equal force upon those who had spent their lives in trying to redeem the wicked.

When the great charity bazaar was burned in Paris, death came to those engaged in the best causes—to the truest and noblest men and women of the great city. In the destruction of the Tay bridge, in Scotland, the Christian and the unbeliever went down to a watery grave together. The Chicago fire swept through churches, hospitals and prayerful homes as it did through theaters and saloons. And, as Bishop Restarick pointed out, Baltimore, the city of the most church-goers; Grinnell, Iowa, a city of high moral and religious life, and Johnstown, an average American country town, went down as easily before fire, cyclone and flood as did Sodom and Gomorrah before the sweep of nature's destructive forces.

God in His majesty has established, for nature, certain immutable laws which the good or the bad may not violate with impunity. If a wooden city is built in a wind-swept land, though every inhabitant be a Christian, and every other building a spire, God will not perform a miracle to save it from the conflagration. Those who expect the miracle and do not take ample precautions against fire have only themselves to blame when the worst happens. Cathedrals are no safer than saloons, except that they may be more strongly built, when caught in the whirl of the tornado. A missionary ship is as susceptible to the perils of the sea as a pirate ship. If a great dam breaks, all that is in its path goes, too—sanctuary as well as gambling hell. God is not responsible for it. He made the laws and he gave man the reason to interpret them; and so, if man builds a city on shifting sands or where the earthquake surges and rolls; if he erects his marts of trade where the great winds blow, or where fire may find convenient fuel, it matters nothing as to the man's morality, his practices of worship or his gifts and habits of prayer—he must pay the penalty of violating the laws of nature, which are also the laws of God.

## THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

The Associated Press, in direct reply to the Advertiser's cabled questions, gave this paper a comprehensive message yesterday which served to show, among other things, how well our special correspondent had covered the field the night before.

Whether the Associated Press will send regular advices to Honolulu, without further delay, will be known by the Advertiser's front page this morning. At the present writing no light has been shed on the subject.

In the great temblor and fire the Associated Press offices went with the other business concerns. It took some time to collect the force and reorganize a service in Oakland. Then came a deluge of orders from eastern and mid-western papers, which doubtless overworked a nervous and drowsy staff. The Oakland office is about sixteen miles from the cable hut and to get a news message through to Honolulu a man must cross the bay, pass the military cordon, pick his path among smoking ruins and do several miles of walking—all to send a comparatively short message. Probably it costs as much to carry an average Honolulu news budget to the cable hut as the Associated Press will get for it.

So in case the great news agency drops its regular Honolulu service for a few days nobody need be surprised.

## THE RELIEF FUND.

Honolulu ought not to send less than \$100,000 to the relief of San Francisco. Our prosperity has long been inseparably bound with that of the Coast metropolis and San Francisco, in its extremity, should know that we are not unmindful of the ancient partnership in trade and commerce. Hawaii has never asked San Francisco in vain for the use of its influence in Congress and elsewhere; California capital has been heavily invested here; our banks have long had their correspondents on that ground; we are both good customers of the other. Duty and sympathy prompt us to give from our abundance freely, promptly and most of all adequately.

The fraternities started off with \$14,000. The planters followed with \$20,000. Some other contributions are helping the fund along substantially. It is possible that with aid from the other islands, the desired figures of \$100,000 may be exceeded.

Two days before the earthquake ruined San Francisco the Call said editorially:

Our destiny is upon us. We cannot escape it. San Francisco has an impetus that nothing can check. Cosmopolitan, uttering more languages than made the confusion of Babel, combining the energies and the arts of many peoples, the meeting place of the Occident and Orient, with the picturesque features of both, this city is emerging into literature and rising to her inheritance and opportunity. So much of our advantages are ready made for us by nature that our task is the light occupation of showmen. All that we need to do is to direct the crowd to points of interest.

Man proposes, God disposes. Within forty-eight hours from the time the jubilant Call appeared on the streets, destiny was indeed upon the proud city. Now it lies in ashes. The "light duty of the showman" was to direct the crowds to points of safety.

The cablegram printed elsewhere in this paper from the Bank of California to its local correspondent, while it confirms the worst relative to the destruction of property that has been wrought in San Francisco, will yet convey a large measure of reassurance to bankers and business men generally in the statement that, while the financial situation is at a standstill, the period of the continuance of this condition is placed at no more than "some days." The great banking institutions of San Francisco are rallying from the disaster that has fallen upon the city.

The 22nd Advertiser free Extra came out about the middle of the afternoon yesterday with an exclusive dispatch from the Associated Press. A large number of the Extras went to the country and everybody within reach of the railroad probably saw the news or heard of it by dinner time. A staff member of the Advertiser family went up the road on the 3:20 train with a bundle of Extras for free distribution. Thousands of copies were sent where they would do the most good in town and out.

The Star, which felt hurt because the Advertiser got out specials by day, thus depriving "the newsboys" of a nickel harvest, now feels angry because this paper did not get one out Sunday evening after everybody had gone home. Nothing suits our astrophysical contemporaries these days. Evidently the sudden stoppage last week of skin-game extras gave it an attack of nickelitis swanymania, a very painful disease of the month.

Any shocks that are at all serious at San Francisco will make instant record at Sisal. So far, since last Wednesday, only moderate tremors have been registered.

The Bulletin has been so busy admiring the "facilities" Mr. Damon loaned it, that the paper was unable to come out with any fresh news.

Meanwhile Clarence Macfarlane is sailing along.

## HOW THE PUBLIC LOOKS AT ADVERTISER ENTERPRISE

Lihue, Kauai, April 21, 1906.

Editor Advertiser: This community, in common with Honolulu and many other places, has been stricken with terrible suspense and anxiety over the distressing reports from the Coast concerning the awful wreckage of the city of the Golden Gate. Several of the leading families here have "loved ones" in San Francisco or the immediate vicinity and their anxiety is almost unbearable. The first message received was a wireless last Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock, which was terribly shocking, and since then, owing to the absence of fuller particulars, the suspense has been almost paralyzing. This morning's mail contained your "Special" headed "Free," which was greatly appreciated and for which you deserve our hearty thanks. It was enterprising on your part and tended greatly to alleviate the worst fears, to wit, that the whole city had gone under. As it is, the disaster is terrible beyond expression and we await still further details with hearts full of sympathy for all who may be directly afflicted when the loss of life is more fully known. God grant that it may not be as great as many seem to fear!

Faithfully yours,  
JOHN W. WADMAN.

## BESTOWING CREDIT.

Editor Advertiser: Kindly permit me to make a suggestion to the business men and people of Honolulu, through your valuable paper: and it would be well if both the Chamber of Commerce and Hawaii Promotion Committee were to pass resolutions pertaining to them.

There are four persons, as well as their subordinates, to whom the people in this community have cause to be thankful.

First, Mr. McKenna and his heroic staff in San Francisco, who first gave the news of the awful catastrophe to this city.

Second, Mr. Gaines, superintendent of the cable office here, through whose untiring efforts communication was at last established with the stricken city.

Third, Mr. Fraser, who has worked faithfully in getting all the information possible regarding Hawaiian Islanders and their relatives, as well as all general information affecting these islands.

Fourth, and last, but not least, to the management of the Advertiser, who as rapidly as the news was received, disseminated it gratuitously in a series of specials. This was a most unselfish, public-spirited act, and has earned the praise of all with possibly one exception.

(It seems almost incredible that a member of the Chamber of Commerce, who poses as one of the leading business men in this city, should make an address to that body, accusing the Advertiser of "croaking," and in general running it down. One might think that this worthy gentleman was the owner of a few paltry shares in one of the afternoon papers, and was consequently doing most of the "croaking" himself.)

A RESIDENT.

## THANKS AND INQUIRIES.

Editor Advertiser: The public is greatly indebted to the enterprise of the Advertiser for getting the detailed account of the San Francisco disaster in today's paper and also for their excellent map of the city, showing portion destroyed, in yesterday's issue. But there is one point still in some doubt. When the fire started at the corner of O'Farrell and Jones streets and swept towards Telegraph Hill (that is in a northeasterly direction), how far did it go north or northwest? The map shows the burnt part to extend as far as California street, but there is nothing to that effect in the despatches. When the buildings were demolished on Van Ness avenue to save the Western Addition how far up were they demolished? Would it be possible to obtain any information as to buildings on Pine or Bush street east of Van Ness, that is to say, in the vicinity of Polk or Larkin street? Yours,

A NERVOUS SUFFERER.

[The map was made according to all advices, public and private, that could be procured. The revised map appears in today's issue and will, perhaps, give our correspondent further light. We have no details not published.]

## FROM THE BEATEN PAPERS.

The morning paper says it has been criticised for issuing its freak free specials.

It is deserving of pity more than criticism. Its struggle with the news for the past few days has been the bombastic cavorting of an alleged has-been that never was.

The greatest news crisis Honolulu has thus far known found every other paper in the city so far outstripped by the modern equipment of the Evening Bulletin that they were brought to a standstill. The people got the news from the Bulletin.

After waiting two days the morning paper found it was so far out of it, and its equipment so utterly incapable of handling the news that the free job office "specials" was the only means of its keeping before the public. As a piece of newspaper enterprise, it was on the border of a country town bazaar. Every newspaperman who knows anything of the business smiles.

—Bulletin.

[The above needs no comment. All that it requires is the publicity it receives in these columns.]

In view of the expressed anxiety of the Advertiser to give the people of Honolulu the news so promptly, why was the news secured through its "monumental feat of journalism" withheld for nine or ten hours—not why was it not given free, but why was it not given at all? If it was important to the people at 5 this morning

would it not have been equally important and valuable at 7 or 8 o'clock last night?—Star.

[It happens that the closing paragraphs of the message arrived after almost everyone had left the streets excepting a few night hawks and the usual number of Star and Bulletin spies who hunt this office in the effort to filch a little news.—Ed. Adv.]

## HONOLULU JAPANESE

(Continued from Page 1.)

anese in San Francisco who have lost everything and who are suffering from starvation—hungry and thirsty. Relief at once requested.

The substance of this report was at once communicated to the leading Japanese, whose opinions were voiced in the Vice Consul's reply:

"Considering current reports here that there are sufficient supplies of food in San Francisco, it is to be wondered why the Japanese only are in such a distressed condition."

A call was, however, issued for a meeting, in response to which about forty Japanese gathered last night in the Japanese school on Nuuanu street, Mr. Matsubara taking the chair. From the beginning it was seen that there were two factions represented, one urging that immediate steps be taken to send money to San Francisco, the other objecting strongly to the Japanese taking any part as a class.

It was pointed out that the Honolulu Japanese had been called on "often" than they could afford to answer, the majority of them being poor laborers. At the present time they were subscribing towards the Soldiers' Relief Fund and the Japanese Famine Fund, and while, if it were necessary, they would also answer a call from San Francisco, under the circumstances they did not believe that it was necessary. The Japanese merchants and the others who were in a position to give help could do so in connection with the general fund being raised, but as for there being any necessity for a special Japanese fund, or any question of the Japanese being treated any way but the same as the other sufferers, the report was incredible.

It was asked what their Consul in San Francisco was doing to allow the distinction to be made that he reported in his cable?

A vote being taken, after each one of those present had made at least one long speech, resulted in a tie, with the result that the debate grew more and more heated. Finally it was decided to wait for further information, those who could afford it to help meanwhile through the general relief committee.

## THE CHINESE SOLICITING FUNDS.

A joint meeting of the Bo On Association and the United Chinese Association was held last night in the U. C. A. Hall, the place being crowded with members.

Here there was unanimity of opinion and a soliciting committee was appointed to canvass Chinatown for money, which will be expended by the committee for rice and clothing and is rushed to the Coast as soon as possible. The committee will be at work today and tomorrow and will report the result of their canvass at a meeting called for tomorrow night.

E. Yap, a prominent local Chinaman, said last night that Honolulu Chinese would probably send 4000 bags of rice to San Francisco to relieve their suffering countrymen.

It is understood that such an amount of rice can at present be spared without materially affecting the local market. The cost will be about \$16,000, \$12,000 of which will be drawn from the fund raised to support the boycott in China and the disposal of which recently caused great dissension among the officers and members of the United Chinese societies.

## LATE NEWS NOTES FROM COAST FILES

Yaqui Indians have ambushed and killed mining parties near Carbo, Sonora.

American farmers to the number of over 80,000 are expected to settle in Canada this year.

A panic in a Chicago church, caused by a false alarm of fire, resulted in the death of four persons.

By the Kearsarge accident two officers and five men were killed and fourteen men were injured, eight of them seriously.

A religious war has broken out between the Catholic sects in Poland, clashes resulting in the killing and wounding of many.

Lady Dockrell has been elected chairman of the Blackrock (Dublin) Urban Council, the first woman Mayor ever elected in the United Kingdom.

The Czar has issued a royal decree which takes out of the hands of the new Russian parliament all control over the finances of the Empire.

The London press lauds President Roosevelt's speech suggesting a progressive tax to prevent the inheritance of over a certain amount of money.

Maxim Gorky has been ordered out of his New York hotel following the expose of the fact that the woman accompanying him is not his wife. Gorky denies the charge.

## LINGERING COUGHS.

Persistent coughs that continue through the spring and summer usually indicate some throat or lung trouble and it is a serious mistake to neglect them. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is famous for its cures of coughs of this nature and a few doses taken in time may save a doctor's bill and perhaps years of suffering. For sale by Benson, Smith & Co., Ltd., Agents for Hawaii.

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